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Part B for June 52.

SUBJECT

~~Lease~~ Municipal Site No 241 in Srirangapatna.

WD 01425—GPB—25,000—15-9-1952.

To The compiler M/G.

No E 3041 / Arch dt 22-6-53.

—Notifies—

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E.I.

Letter No. 438 dated 22.3.1950 from the Director of Archaeology requesting to declare the Municipal Site No. 241 at in Srirangapatana as a III rd class Ancient Monuments

1. The Director of Archaeology states that Mu. Site No. 241 at Srirangapatna is an ancient site of historical importance and requests in the circumstances explained to declare the same as a Third class Ancient Monument under the Ancient Monuments preservation Act of 1925.

2. It is not known whether the A.C., Mandya or Dy. is agreeable to the same and it is for consideration whether he may be consulted in the first instance.

3. A copy of the Ancient Monuments preservation Act of 1925 and a copy of notification No. E. 3555 / Miscl. 19-30

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Declaring the Municipal Site No. 241 at Srirangapatana as an Ancient Monument

dated 5.3.1943 re Rules for the classification of Ancient Monuments in the State are laid up for reference.

4. Subject for orders.

14.4.50.

5) Whether the D.C. agrees or not, the Director of Archaeology considers that the Mcl. Site No 241 should be declared as a Mean Ancient Monument for reasons stated by him in his letter to the D.P.I. In the circumstances his proposal may be accepted. Section 3 of the Act prescribes certain procedure and any objections to the issue of the Notifications including that of the D.C. may be taken into Consideration later.

6) It is also necessary, as proposed by the Director, to issue an order

Re: Municipal Site no 241 in Swarnagadh

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stating that no building shall be constructed in the Port Area without consulting the Director of Archaeology and as may be done

Dy 8/4

Dist. & Secy)

1) I agree with the opinion expressed by the Director of Archaeology and the D.C. Navsari may be informed of this

Minister for L.S.G.) Dy 10/4

2) The question of granting the land has been dropped. The opinion of the Director of Archiology may be intimated to the D.C. Navsari.

Dy 11/4

Dy 15/4/50

Dy 20/4

3) Draft to the D.C., Navsari which is for approval.

Dy 20/4

KAS 26.4.50.

4) Specific orders are required on the proposal to declare the site as a III class ancient monument.

Dy 26/4

Dy 28/4

5) Secy) May be declared as such the 3rd class ancient monument

Dy 2/5/50

Minister for L.S.G.) Dy 2/5

Dy 4/5

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Declaring the M.L. Site no. 241 at Srirangapatna as an Class III Ancient Monument

14) Draft notification sent for approval

IAS 6/5/52 J.S.G. Secy) 15) 12/5

16) Prop up 15/5/52 1328 8/5

17) Revised draft Noti. is for approval

18) Rec'd & secy) Noti has to be 9/5

19) Confirmed & withdrawn after hearing objections, if any, after one month.

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The corrigendum

No Lifting —

Memo no. E. 3042 dt. 22.6.52

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

DxQxNo. 438

Encl. Two

Department of Archæology,

Mysore, 22nd March 1950. 194

To

The Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Local Self-Government Department,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

Subject: Municipal Site No.241 in Srirangapatna.

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I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of letter No.A5.C.1192/48-49 dated 28-12-1949 received from the Deputy Commissioner, Mandya District, Mandya regarding the above as well as a copy of my note on the same subject. It is requested that the site in question may kindly be declared as protected under the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act of 1925 and classed as a third class ancient monument.

It is further requested that in view of x item 6 of my note (herewith enclosed) it may be declared by the issue of a Government Order that any grant of permission in the matter of putting up any building within the Fort area should be given only after consulting

the Department of Archaeology in Mysore.

Yours faithfully,

R. Narasimhachar

RKN.

Ag. Director.

Copy of letter No.A5.C.1192/48-49 dated 28th December 1949 from the Deputy Commissioner, Mandya District, Mandya, to the Secretary to Government, General Department, Bangalore, copy forwarded with compliment to the Director of Archaeology, Mysore for information.

Subject: Grant of Municipal site No.241 for the construction of a Club building at Srirangapattana.

In continuation of this office letter of even number dated 28-11-49 on the above subject, I have the honour to state that the Municipal Council, Srirangapattana have at their meeting held on 12-12-49 resolved that since the site in question is an ancient site of Historical importance as revealed by the letter received from the Director of Archaeology, it does not appear to be desirable to construct the Club Building, on the site and that some other site may be given for the construction of the Club building. A copy of the resolution is enclosed for favour of reference.

Enclosure 2.

Letter No.D.O.187 dated 15th November 1949 from the Director of Archaeology, Mysore, to the Deputy Commissioner, Mandya District, Mandya.

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I have inspected the site of the club building and would be glad to inspect it again in your company, if so desired, on any date convenient to you after the 20th instant. The building is constructed on the foundation of a part of an ancient building which, there is reason to believe, belonged to the palace of the Mysore Rajas as long as they ruled at Seringapatam. The palace and its connected buildings appear to have extended not only north to south but also as far west as the western prakara wall of the temple of Ranganathasvami and even beyond to the west of the temple, with more connected buildings on the north also, as indicated by the alignment of brick foundations here and there on the site all round the temple. From an account given in the Kantiravanarasaraja Vijaya by Govinda Vaidya, it would appear that the three principal buildings in this area were the Ranganathasvami temple, the palace and the Narasimhasvami temple. The last named temple is known (see Annals of the Mysore Royal Family) to have been built by Kantiravanarasaraja Wadiyar himself, while

the gopuram and the outer prakara wall and certain mantapas belonging to the Ranganathasvami temple were also built by him. The palace too is said to have been an imposing building covering a very large area and consisting presumably all round the prakara of the temple, of many apartments. A walled up small gateway in the rear of the southern prakara wall was evidently meant for giving access to the inmates of the palace during that period. With this we may compare the situation at the Hoysalesvara temple at Halebid, where the Hoysala kings are said to have entered the temple premises through a gate on the south. The gateway at Srirangapatna could clearly be seen now in the prakara wall just by the side of a shrine in the southwest of the outer enclosure.

It is requested that the following facts might be considered in connection with the site:-

1) The site belonged to the Palace. Thus it cannot be presumed to belong to the Municipality.

2) It is an ancient site of historical importance and therefore belongs to Government who will now be addressed separately in the matter of declaring it as such and preserving it intact.

3) The open areas on the three sides of the temple - south, west and north - add considerably to the beautiful aspect of the temple of Ranganatha which is a I Class protected monument. The construction of any building in these areas would affect the view of the temple.

4) The present processional path for the temple Ratha does not permit the construction of any building in the areas covered by the Ratha, unless it is ascertained that it would not be against agamaic principles and religious traditions.

5) Indeed more important buildings than the club (like the Munsiff's Court) are constructed outside this area and on the other side of the road on the south leading to the Railway lines.

6) Srirangapatna is a historical place of considerable importance and antiquity. As such any grant of permission in the matter of putting up any building within the fort area should be given only after consulting the Department of Archaeology in Mysore. In the present instance the grant of licence for the club building was not given with the approval of the Department of Archaeology.

7) There are many other sites in Srirangapatna, one of which could be granted for the club building. In my opinion, however, the site to the right of the temple is an important one deserving to be preserved along with the temple. I suggest that the club building might be put up elsewhere nearer the town or on the other side of the eastern gates of the Fort.

8) In this connection I would also like to bring to your notice the information I gathered while I was at Srirangapatna on the 5th instant. I was told that in about 1929 or so some members belonging to a Tennis club approached the then Dewan Sir Mirza Ismail requesting for permission to construct this club building in the vicinity of the temple and that the Dewan refused to grant permission therefor saying that no building should be constructed in the premises around the temple.

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L. Narasimhaiah

RKN. Ag.Director of Archaeology.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS-HIGHNESS-THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. ..... General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated Bangalore, ...

JUNE 1950

NOTIFICATION.

Under Section 3 (1) of the Mysore Ancient Monuments Preservation Act IX of 1925 and under the provisions of Notification No.E.3555/Uni:19-30, dated 5th March 1943, the Municipal Site No.241 in Srirangapatna is declared as a Class III - Ancient Monument.

Objections, if any, to the issue of this Notification may be submitted to Government within two months from the date when the Notification is fixed up near the monument.

BY ORDER OF HIS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJA

Sd: L. Muniswamy
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
L.S.G. DEPARTMENT

To

The Compiler, Mysore Gazette, for publication in the Gazette and supplying 25 copies of the Notification to the Education Branch, G.R.S., Bangalore.

MEMO:NO.E. 3042 d. 22/6/50

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Dy. & Asst. Commrs. concerned } No. E 3043 d 22/6/50

BY ORDER,

for SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
L.S.G. DEPARTMENT

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6. Objections, if any, to the issue of this Notification may be submitted to Govt within two months from the date when the notification is fixed up near the monument.

By Order of His Highness the Maharaja,

L.S.G. Secretary to Govt.,

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To

The Compiler, Mysore Gazette for publication in the Gazette and supplying 25 copies of the Notification to the Education Branch, G.R.S., Bangalore.

Memo No.E. 3042 Dated 22/6/50

for information

Copy of the above is forwarded W/C to the Director of Archaeology with reference to his letter No.438 dated 22nd March 1950 in the matter.

B.O.

For LSG. Secretary to Govt.

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Memo No.E. 3043 Dated 22/6/50

Copy of the above is forwarded W/C to the Deputy Commissioner Mandya Dist. for information and necessary action.

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For LSG. Secretary to Govt.

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Appendix F. G.—1]

SUBJECT... Municipal Site No. 241 in Srirangapatana.

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Section Archy.

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Diary No. of letter replied to..... 2107 E.1

No. E 30044 d 22/6/50.

To

The D.C., Mandya.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for your information and necessary action a copy of letter no. 438 dated 22.3.1950 from the Director of Archaeology in Mysore - stating among other things that grant of permission for putting up any building within the fort area at Srirangapatana should be given only after - consulting the Dept. of Archy.

Y. F.

Date of issue.....

Signed by.....

List of enclosures.....

Copied by.....

Examined by.....

for Secy to Govt.

KAS

Memo no E 30045 d. 22/6/50

Copy of the above is forwarded w/c to the Dy. of Archy. for information.

By

for Secy to Govt.

KAS

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